

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 29, 2004. Claims 11-16 and 20 are presented for examination, with Claim 1-7 having been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 11, 15, 16, and 20, which are the independent claims, have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 11-16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,828,466 ("Imai").

The aspect of the invention set forth in independent Claim 11 is a data processing apparatus having a connector arranged to be connected to a peripheral apparatus having a printer unit for printing an image and a unit other than the printer unit. A print data generator is arranged to generate printing data, using a printer driver, for causing the printer unit to perform printing. A data processor is arranged to process the printing data to form a set of job data for causing the unit other than the printer unit of the peripheral apparatus to perform a job. A data transferor is arranged to transfer the set of job data to the peripheral apparatus.

Claim 11 further recites that the data processor generates command information that is added to the printing data to form the set of job data. The command information is interpreted by the unit other than the printer unit to convert at least a portion of the set of job data back into the printing data generated by the printer driver for printing by the printer unit.

The apparatus of Claim 11 makes it possible, for example, for printing data generated by a printer driver (e.g., a printer driver in a PC) to be received by a unit (e.g., a

facsimile unit) other than a printer unit as a set of job data for the receiving unit (e.g., a facsimile output job) and then be converted by the receiving unit (e.g., the facsimile unit) back into printing data and printed by the printer unit. As this example illustrates, the printing data can be sent from the PC to the facsimile unit as a facsimile job and then can be converted back into printing data and sent to the printer unit without the use of switches.

Imai, by contrast, relies on switches in an interface control unit (108) to switch a printer unit back and forth between an information processing terminal (109) and a facsimile unit (101). While this technique may be well-suited for its intended purpose, it does not allow for the transmission of additional instructions from the PC to the facsimile unit while the printer unit is printing data from the PC, as discussed in the background section of the specification (see page 4, lines 8-13).

Nothing in Imai would teach or suggest the features of Claim 11 discussed above. Accordingly, Claim 11 is believed to be patentable over Imai.

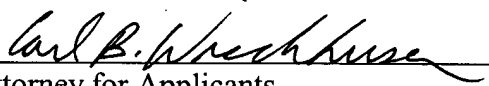
Independent Claims 15, 16, and 20 recite features similar to those discussed above with respect to Claim 11 and therefore are also believed to be patentable over Imai for at least the reasons discussed above.

The other rejected claims in this application are each dependent from independent Claim 11 discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons as Claim 11. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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